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Abstract

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Described is a method of sanitizing animal carcasses using aqueous streams having an antimicrobial composition added to the stream. Preferably, the antimicrobial composition includes a mixture of one or more carboxylic acids having up to 18 carbon atoms and one or more peroxydicarboxylic acids having up to 12 carbon atoms, preferably a mixture of a C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> peroxydicarboxylic acid and a C<sub>8</sub>-C<sub>12</sub> peroxydicarboxylic acid. Also described is a novel antimicrobial composition adapted for sanitizing animal carcasses containing a mixture of one or more C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> peroxydicarboxylic acids and one or more C<sub>8</sub>-C<sub>12</sub> peroxydicarboxylic acids and an alpha-hydroxy mono- or dicarboxylic acid.

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